Soundings

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A Role for the Church

A word from the Bishop, Don Maier

I got up very early one recent Saturday morning and drove to Richland, WA. I am Co-Chair of Washington Association of Churches and a Bishop of the ELCA; so I wanted to support a meeting called by WAC and facilitated by an ELCA staff person from Chicago. It was billed as "A Day of Moral Deliberation on the Columbia River."

Here's how the day went. First, a Catholic theologian from Carrol College in Montana built an ethical frame work for the stewardship of creation. Then, seven different speakers each had 15 minutes to represent the concerns of their group in the proposal to breech three dams on the Lower Snake River in order to allow access to salmon runs. Next, spectators became participants, reflecting together in table groups over what they had heard. After that, the seven spokespersons clarified/dialogued with each other and others in the assembly. Then, back to table groups. At the end, the only conclusion was that it had been a good day, a healthy and helpful conversation that needs to be continued.

The interests represented by the spokepersons were these: the Church, the Indian Tribes, commercial fishers, sport fishers, agriculture, river navigation and hydropower.

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A Role for the Church

Several of the speakers expressed appreciation to the churches. The spokesman for the Tribes said this was the first time they had been invited to the table as equal participants.

Several indicated that the churches had found our proper role in this troublesome encounter between competing interest groups. Our role: maintain neutrality, present the ethical vision, foster dialog and mutual care among interest groups, and be there to help society mitigate the losses of those who will suffer economically by whatever decision government eventually makes on the issue.

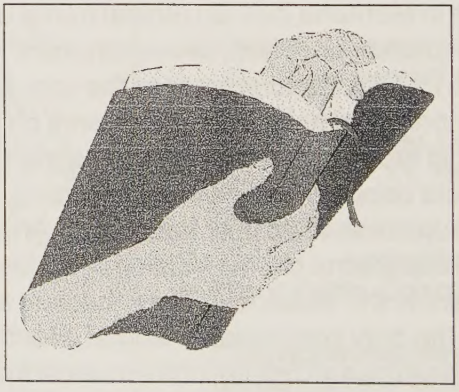
In this case, Moral Deliberation, a creation of the ELCA Division for Church and Society, bears good fruit.

Books for Ethiopia

Our sister church in Ethiopia, the Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, needs English language books. Can you share some of yours?

We are starting a synod-wide project to send clean, usable books to those learning English. The children of Haik Orphanage in grades 4 to 12 need easy readers through Junior High level books, while pastors and church workers would appreciate Bible story books, devotionals and Christian literature at the adult level. Text books, Reader's Digest books and National Geographic magazines are also appropriate. What a great service project for youth groups, circles and Sunday School classes! We will have collection depots throughout the synod.

For more info, leave a message for Joan Peterson at Ballard First Lutheran, Seattle, at 206-784-1306.



Reformation Sunday Service

Lutherans and Catholics will celebrate this event in a joint service of the Word at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 911 Stewart Street, Seattle.

Catholic Archbishop Alexander Brunett and Lutheran Bishops Donald Maier and David Wold will be present for a liturgy which will include choral music, readings, and preaching. Refreshments will be served following the service.

(A full text of the ELCA press release explaining the "Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification" can be found on the Northwest Washington Synod web site at www.lutheransnw.org.)

Learn To Use The Global Mission Kits

The 1999 Global Mission Tool kits have arrived, but how can you effectively use all the material and information?

The Northwest Washington Synod and the Division for Global Mission invite you to attend a half-day class on Saturday, November 13, to learn and to share ideas on how to effectively use the 1999 ELCA Global Mission Took Kit.

Choose from two sites: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Renton or Burlington Lutheran Church, Burlington. The times are 8:30 a.m. to noon at St. Matthew's or 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Burlington. Cost is only $5.

Barbara J. Lund, recently appointed ELCA Associate Director for Global Events, will be the presenter.

This class is for musicians, youth, global mission advocates, Christian Education leaders, pastors, AIMs, persons related to multi-cultural ministries, and anyone else who is interested in global missions.

To reserve your spot, please fill out the form below. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Lee at 425-252-1239.

Another Global Mission date to mark on your calendar is July 13 to 16, 2000. This is the Global Mission Event at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. More details will follow.

To reserve your spot for the **1999 Global Mission class**, please fill out the information below, and mail to:

Pastor, G. Lee Kluth
Chairperson, Global Mission Committee
Trinity Lutheran Church
2324 Lombard Avenue, Everett, WA 98201

Name _____

Congregation _____

Telephone _____

Number attending _____

Location (please circle which location): Burlington or Renton

Two Upcoming Synod Events

The following events will be held at Trinity Lutheran College (a ministry of Lutheran Bible Institute) and are sponsored by the Northwest Washington Synod and the Division for Outreach. To register contact Cathie Carlisle, Division for Outreach, 206-624-0093; or contact Pastor Jim Moy, Assistant to the Bishop, at 206-783-9292 or 1-800-244-6997.

Church Redevelopment Conference

This Dec. 2 to 4 conference is for congregations that want to "Go Beyond Survival." Attendees will consider basic changes that are needed. Cost is $295 per congregation.

Attendees at this conference will:

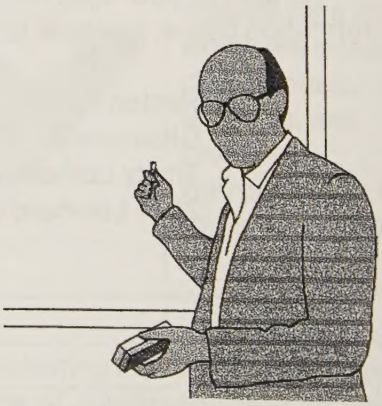
- ▶ Learn about redevelopment and what is working in redevelopment.
- ▶ Hear what others are saying are their challenges.
- ▶ What is working in other denominations.
- ▶ Hear about the conflict of change.
- ▶ Develop plans for congregational planning, mission planning, and evangelism.

Medium Size Congregation Event

This Jan. 7 and 8, 2000, event is for congregations that are moving towards being a "program sized" church. Congregations with average Sunday worship between 100 and 300 are encouraged to participate. Cost is $185 to $205 per congregation for three persons which includes one overnight at Trinity Lutheran College and three to four meals (to be decided).

Goals for this event are that congregations will:

- ▶ See the possibilities for growth
- ▶ Be informed on key areas of mission and ministry which will allow the congregation to act its size
- ▶ Enable participants to network with leaders and resources that can be helpful in specific areas for growth
- ▶ Empower participants with information and methods that will help mid-sized congregations meet its present challenges
- ▶ Change attitudes that get in the way of ministry and take appropriate action toward implementing new ministries.



Our Churches at Work

Reaching Out to Others

Trinity, Freeland, and St. Peter, Clinton, sponsored a work week in August at the Habitat for Humanity House in Freeland. More than 47 volunteers put in 350 hours of work on the house doing the following work: caulking, priming, painting, roofing, siding, trim, cooking, and delivering delicious snacks and lunches to the work site, calling and organizing each day's volunteers, electrical, plumbing, and always lots of hammering and sawing.

Northlake, Kenmore, sponsored a mission trip to the Makah Indian Reservation. Twelve members from Northlake participated in a group of 35 people. Work focused on doing some basic home repair for a disabled man, painting the inside of an apartment for a single mother, doing massive amounts of yard work for the host church as well as for several homeowners. The group participated in a potlatch, the Makah version of a wedding reception.

Singing in Cuba

Donene Blair (Executive Assistant at the Synod) and her husband, Bob, are traveling to Cuba with the Seattle Peace Chorus for an international choral festival in Santiago in early December (they will also sing in Havana). Tour sponsors are Witness for Peace, based in Washington, D.C. All are invited to their Cuba Bon Voyage concerts on Nov. 13 and 14. For more information call Donene at the Synod Office.

Missionaries in Action

A letter from Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen, ELCA-DGM missionaries in Tanzania, to members of St. James, Seattle.

"Grace and peace to you from Monduli, Tanzania, from those two ELCA missionaries from the Northwest.

We are heading into the hot, dusty, and dry season before the rains come again, Lord willing. However, life at the school is anything but "hot, dusty, and dry" as our students are really getting into the learning groove. It is exciting to assist their learning, fun to teach and interact, worth all the other administrative "challenges."

The Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School has its first graduating class this year from Form IV. The girls take their national exams in November...When the girls pass, they then need to be able to carry on their current education at Form levels V and VI (probably equivalent to grades 12 and 13 in the States). To do that, the school must provide classes in biology and chemistry and have two, separate, science laboratories...

A second science building is the essential requirement if the planned extension of the curriculum is to become a reality...The estimate cost is $96,000. Therefore we offer this opportunity for you to help build the second one. Fortunately a donor has offered to match donations at 50 cents to the dollar. If you want to help, contact Patti Mercer at 425-7746-2529 or e-mail pattimercer@salcbellevue.org. You can make donations through St. Andrew's, Bellevue. We have nine months to complete the project. It seems impossible--but it's not. Blessings to you."

Family Harvest Hoedown

A *Family Harvest Hoedown* will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5, in the Fellowship Hall at First Evangelical, Bothell. A "caller" has been hired who will lead everyone in folk, line, and square dancing. The dancing is geared to all ages and there will be a pinata for the children. Tickets are $10 per person, $15 per couple, and $20 per family. Chili, baked potatoes, cornbread, dessert and beverage will be provided. For more information, call the church office at 486-2314.

Byberg Homiletic Fund Committee

The Byberg Homiletic Fund Committee is pleased to announce that Musimib Kanyoro and Rev. Paul Wee will serve as the presenters at Preaching Workshop Retreat IX. This preaching workshop retreat is scheduled for January 17 to 19, 2000, at Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center, Cannon Beach, Oregon.

Musimbi Kanyoro is a Lutheran lay woman from Kenya and is former Director of the Women's Commission--Lutheran World Federation. Currently, she serves as Director of the International YWCA. Paul Wee is a Lutheran Pastor and former Director of Lutheran World Relief. Presently, he serves as pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church in Washington DC.

Registrations forms will be mailed in the Fall 1999. For more information, contact Pastor Nancy Winder at 206-523–9636.

Celebrating the Arts Concert

Celebrating the Arts, a ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Everett, presents in concert the Lyric Arts Ensemble, conducted by Kenneth L. DeJong at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7, at Our Savior's, Everett.

Old-Time Religion explores a wide-range of music from early chants to gospel music; composers who have set their spiritual hearts to tunes and harmonies that have stirred souls and thrilled listeners for years.

The Lyric Arts Ensemble was formed in 1998 by a dozen vocal musicians who sought a new challenge in their vocal performance. Kenneth DeJong is Music Director and Organist At Saint Andrew's, Bellevue.

A free-will offering will be taken during the concert. A reception will follow. Childcare is available.

This Far by Faith

This Far by Faith, a new African American resource for worship, will be introduced in 12 workshops throughout the US. The upcoming workshop for our area is from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 6, at Peace Lutheran Church, 2106 South Cushman Avenue, Tacoma.

Registration is $15 per participant and is due 14 days prior to the event. Contact Katharine Carter, Registrar, at 1-800-638-3522 ext 2812 or register on-line at www.elca.org/dcm/worship/aahbro.html.

Lutheran Churches in Central Europe Tour

Bishop Juan Cobrda will be your guide and spiritual leader for a special tour of Lutheran Churches in Europe. Pastor Bob Allard, Good Shepherd Church, Washington DC, will be your co-leader and Robert Seefeldt, chair of the Slovakian sub-committee of the Metropolitan Washington DC Synod. All three have extensive knowledge of Central Europe.

You will travel to Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, and the Czech Republic. Vienna, Austria, will be the starting and ending city.

The trip will take place from April 28 to May 11, 2000. Cost is $2,000. For more information, contact Robert Seefeldt at 703-590-9236; or by mail at Metropolitan Washington DC Synod, 13071 St. Andrews Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192.

Holy Land and Egypt Tour

Celebrate the Millennium in the Land of Jesus! Experience the special events planned for Christians throughout the globe, February 20 to March 2, 2000. Dr. Walter Pilgrim, Professor of Religion at Pacific Lutheran University, will lead this tour. Dr. Pilgrim received his PhD in New Testament from Princeton Theological Seminary and has led numerous tours to the Holy Land for both laity and clergy. His co-host is Jeanette Pilgrim, an accomplished musician with a Masters in Fine Arts from PLU. Cost is $2969 (12 days). Optional: Five day Nile cruise to Luzor and Temples at end of tour (March 2 to 6). Cost: $650. For more details contact Dr. Pilgrim at 253-582-9482.

"Considering Your Call"

Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, is hosting the conference "Considering Your Call." This conference is open to anyone exploring their call to leadership in rostered ministry. Whether you are a college student or a person considering a career change, if you want to explore your leadership gifts for ministry, you are invited to participate.

The conference will be held from November 13 to 15. Cost is $30 for each person and includes housing and meals.

Contact the Office of Admissions at Wartburg at 1-800-225-5987, ext. 203, or e-mail at admissions@wartburgseminary.edu.

At the Name of Jesus

Expand your vision for evangelism and discipleship strategies and learn what works at the 1999 Domestic Mission Conference called *At the Name of Jesus*.

Workshops include: Moving your congregation from mono-cultural to multi-cultural, developing a dynamic congregational prayer ministry, new options for mission in rural and small town ministries, and multiplying your ability to reach people through new ministries.

This conference will be held from November 19 to 21 at the Midwest Express Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Cost is $210. To register contact *At the Name of Jesus* Registrar, ELCA/DCM, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago Ill, 60631. More conference information can be found at www.elca.org/eteam. Choose training, 1999 Domestic Mission Conference.

Augsburg Resources for Christmas and Advent

Augsburg Books for Children and Families offers a wide selection of books for the Christmas and Advent season, ranging from children's picture books to devotionals with daily readings. To order any of the titles below call 1-800-328-4648 or visit www.augsburgfortress.org.

Debbie Trafton O'Neal (wife of Pastor John O'Neal, Grace Lutheran in Des Moines) authored *Family Countdown to Christmas* and features day-at-a-glance calendar, activities for parents and children to do together, recipes, crafts, and stickers. Cost is $$10.99. ISBN 0-8066-3733-1.

Brother Gabriel and the Secret Christmas by Bob Hartman, turns the Christmas story into an adventure for children and their families. Cost is $16.99. ISBN 0-8066-3887-1

Unto Us Is Born: Christmas Conversations with Mother Jesus, another new release, features inspirational readings for the holiday season. Author Herb Brokering explores the events surrounding the birth of Jesus and the range of emotions Mary may have experienced. Cost is $9.99. ISBN-0-8066-3897-4.

Another activity book available is Donna Erickson's *Year-Round Holiday Fun Book*. This book includes easy projects and activities for families to do together to celebrate the meaning of holidays throughout the year. Cost is $8.99. ISBN 0-8066-297444-6.

The Young Lutheran

Youth can now visit the ELCA The Lutheran web site called *The Young Lutheran*. At this web site, youth can read about other youth and youth groups, send in news, test Bible knowledge, share thoughts and feelings, read guest columns or write one yourself. This site is updated the first of every month. Visit www.thelutheran.org/young.

Holden Village Events

For any of these events, please contact Holden Village; HCOO Stop 2; Chelan, WA 98816 or www.holdenvillage.org.

Standing on our Tiptoes: A Pre-Advent Retreat

Dan Erlander, pastor, author and cartoonist, will lead this retreat from November 24 to 29 as we prepare our hearts and homes for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Dan will open the seasonal gospel readings for us through Bible study, worship, and storytelling. Susan Briehl, pastor, liturgist, and writer, will teach on *The Gift of Time: Living the Season of the Church Year.*

Family Christmas at Holden--December 17 to 29

Join the Holden Community in the final days of Advent as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child and enter into the Christmas season with joy and celebration. The community will celebrate Advent and Christmas through worship, the arts, music, storytelling, and outdoor recreation.

Canoe News at Immanuel

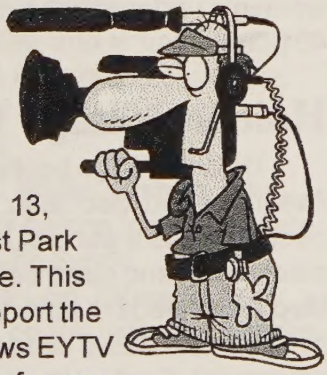
The youth at Immanuel, Everson, have embarked on an ambitious youth project.

A couple of months ago, member Charley Short proposed the idea of building a cedar strip canoe with the Junior and Senior High Youth. This idea was met with enthusiasm from Pastor Stan Jacobson, the Church Council, and the Youth Committee. Funds have been designated for this project and material has been purchased and the youth have already gathered several times to work on the canoes. Their goal is to build enough canoes to be able to take all the youth out on many canoe trips.

If you would like to help the Everson youth, contact Charley Short at 360-592-2893 or Pastor Stan Jacobson at 360-592-5876.

Evergreen Youth TeleVision

Evergreen Youth TeleVision (EYTV) Banquet and Auction Beach Party will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Lake Forest Park Civic Club, Seattle. This auction helps support the program and allows EYTV to touch the lives of young people through video.



For more information, call Dave Ellingson at 206-624-0093 or e-mail eytv@hotymail.com.

Youth Encounter Supports

Wheat Ridge Medical Project in China

Christian young people and adults associated with Youth Encounter have given nearly $30,000 to help Wheat Ridge Ministries send a volunteer medical team to China this fall. The donation was gathered at 49 youth events over the past year, with participants representing 2,000 congregations across the country.

"Their generosity will bring health and hope to thousands of physically disabled children and adults," says Wheat Ridge President Dr. Richard Bimler. "Health care professionals in China will be taught modern rehabilitation techniques which they, in turn, will use to treat the physically disabled living in China's rural regions."

Curt Pohl, chairperson of Wheat Ridge Ministries Board of Directors, was presented a check for $29,566.03 by Youth Encounter president, Rev. Larry Johnson and vice president, Gary Pierce, during Youth Encounter's August 16th board meeting in Minneapolis.

Youth Encounter, which seeks to "strengthen the church through the Christian faith and ministry of its youth," uses money collected during their "Congresses" and "Quakes"—events for teens and pre-teens—to work with a different ministry project each year.

Wheat Ridge Ministries is a Lutheran not-for-profit organization based in Itasca, Illinois, which currently supports more than 70 health and hope ministries throughout the world.

Community Coordinator

The JOY! Initiative (Joining with Our Youth) is a faith-based initiative to provide aftercare services to adjudicated youth. The Community Connections Coordinator will assist the Program Director with church relations, community building efforts, mentor recruitment, and will assist in the oversight of youth-mentor matches. Experience with youth work, community organizing, and volunteer management necessary. This is a full-time position with benefits, $11 to $11.50/hr DOE. For a job application contact The Church Council of Greater Seattle at 206-525-1213.

Welcome Leader

Join a ministry team that is committed to helping new people find their way into the life of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Edmonds. Your part would be to identify and train a group of passionate people to add a personal touch of welcome and to introduce new people to the variety of ministries that are underway in the church.

This is a part-time position, 24-hours, and has flexible hours. Salary DOE. For application contact Julie Christensen at 425-226-2420 or e-mail to wwjdsmlc@aol.com.

Our Radio Ministry

Through the support of congregations, individuals, and businesses Lutheran Vespers is heard throughout Western Washington on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. on KIRO 710 AM. Please continue to support this radio ministry that is heard by more than 17,000 people each week.

Staff Person at LCN

The Lutheran Counseling Networkd (LCN) is looking for a full-time staff person. Applicants must have a Masters Degree; APA, ACSW, AAMFT or AAPC Certification and at least three years post graduate experience. Must have ability to work within a consensual organizational model. Send resume with cover letter by November 15 to LCN Search Committee; P.O. Box 55518; Seattle, WA 98155.

Compass Center Needs...

Volunteers are needed to make quilts or simple curtains for the homeless shelter and to do some interior painting at a transitional house in Seattle. **Plan now for youth experiences for 2000.** The Compass Center is also in need of Thanksgiving turkeys, stuffing mix, pies, cranberry sauce; towels, toothbrushes/ toothpaste, disposable razors, deodorant, shampoo; dressers, end tables, table lamps, printers; and new men's and women's underwear or socks. Call 206-461-7835.

Holden Village Positions

Holden Village seeks Repair Associate and Mechanic. Repair Associate needs to have a general knowledge of mechanical and electrical equipment. Mechanic needs to have knowledge of gasoline and diesel powered vehicles and equipment. Contact Staff Coordination; Holden Village; HCOO Stop 2; Chelan, WA 98816.

Within Our Family

Prayers for strength and healing for...

† **Rev. Steve Grumm** who is healing from heart surgery and is waiting for a heart transplant.

† The family of **Rev. Arden and Carol Barden's** whose youngest grandchild, Isaiah, died last week at 2 1/2 months old. He was the son of Leah Barden and Jeffery Marshall.

† **Nancy Davis, wife of Pastor Chuck Davis**: After 39 days in ICU, she is now breathing on her own and in a regular hospital room; will probably remain hospitalized for three to four more weeks; continued prayers for her complete recovery.

† The family of **Adrianne Heskin** whose mother died on September 21.

To Keep in Our Prayers...

† **Rev. Edgar Kaiser,** now a patient at the UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, following surgery to install a heart pump. His condition is guarded.

† **Rev. Bob Quello** who is undergoing treatment for a recurrence of cancer.

Congratulations to...

† **Rev. Martin D. Wells, Bishop,** who was installed as bishop for the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod.

† **Pastor Jim and Lori Johnson,** Holy Cross, Everett, on the birth of their third son, Micah.

† **Pastor Dave and Holly Sorensen,** Shepherd of the Valley, Maple Valley, on the birth of their fourth child, Abigail.

News and Notes

† Summer 2000 will find the **Phinney Ridge, Seattle,** Choir in Germany touring and singing in the Bach and Luther lands of Germany.

† **Karyn Henley,** author of *The Beginner's Bible*, presented a "concert" of music and stories at **Glendale, Burien,** on October 17.

† On October 16 **John Stamm, PhD,** was inaugurated as the sixth president of Trinity Lutheran College, a ministry of Lutheran Bible Institute, Seattle.

† **Congratulations to Bethany Home of the Northwest, Everett.** Staff and residents moved to their new home, Bethany at Pacific (916 Pacific Avenue, within the former Providence Hospital) the week of October 11. The main phone number remains the same.

† **St. James, Seattle,** has partnered with YATMA (Youth Advancement Through Music and Art). YATMA offers after-school and evening music lessons for children in the community.

† Congratulations to **Clint Schnekloth and Amanda Grell, members of Maple Leaf, Seattle**, who have accepted positions with the ELCA Global Mission Program. They have already begun their positions as "Lead Teachers" in the Kosice Slovakia Lutheran High School.

† **Correction:** In the recent Northwest Washington Synod supplement to The Lutheran magazine, this editor inadvertently had an error in the caption. The person standing with Pastor Nancy Winder and Bishop Donald Maier is Dr. Mark Gravrock, not Dr. David Kruger.

Homemade Eucharist Bread

Recipe developed by Pauline Folkers

3 ½ cups whole wheat flour
1 ½ cups white four
2 ½ teaspoons salt
2 ½ teaspoons baking powder
2 cups warm water
2 tablespoons honey
3 tablespoons cooking oil

Put dry ingredients into mixer bowl and beat briefly at lowest speed. Stir honey into water, add oil and stir to dissolve. Add this liquid to dry mixture and beat at low speed until combined. The dough will cling to the beaters in a clump.

Sprinkle flour on board or pastry cloth. Put dough on board and knead gently a few times, while forming into a roll about 9" long. With bread slicer, cut roll into 6 even slices. Dust each lightly with flour and pat into a circle. When all are done, cover to keep from drying.

Place one slice on baking sheet with fingers, then use rolling pin to make a circle ¼ to ½ inch thick. Dust the plastic grid with four and press on the dough firmly enough to make a deep imprint. Bake 15 to 20 minutes at 350°. Cool completely and wrap in freezer wrap. Store in a metal container and freeze.

Size Round	Serves
6 ½ to 7 inches	105
7 ½ inches	143
8 ½ inches	170 to 175
9 ½ inches	220

Full-Tuition Scholarship

For Youth Leader

Valparaiso University seeks to acknowledge the accomplishments of Lutheran youth who have exhibited exceptional leadership qualities within their national, regional, or synodical church youth organization.

To acknowledge these youth, Valparaiso University awards a full-tuition scholarship to a gifted high school senior who is making significant contributions to synodical, regional and/or national Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) activities. **Submit nominations to the Synod office before October 29.**

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